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"I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been very important to Denton Independent School District because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with Denton ISD's bandwidth needs. I urge you to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least \$5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years.

As a Library Systems Administrator for Denton ISD in Texas, I know that seamlessly infusing digital learning throughout the curriculum is a prerequisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy. Information access is certainly no longer only a book and encyclopedia process. Access to high-speed broadband is critical to allowing students access to a world of information which can't possibly be provided within the walls of the school. We live in a global world where a visit to Africa is a click away, IF you have the access.

With increasing resources including many streaming video resources requiring high bandwidth usage, as well as technology becoming more and more an integral part of the daily teaching process, the need in Denton ISD, for a reliable high-speed network is only going to increase in the near future.

The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.

Thank you for your consideration."